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11. (SBU) The Security Council met at expert-level on December 12 to discuss renewal of the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI) and the International Advisory and Monitoring Board (IAMB). Discussion went smoothly, and substantive requests were largely as predicted. Russia requested language calling for quarterly briefings on DFI/IAMB by the UN, and also called for a briefing by the World Bank and IMF regarding the IAMB. Several countries agreed with Russia,s request, including South Africa, Libya, France, and Costa Rica. Separately, Libya asked for inclusion of UNSCR 1790 language that deals with sectarianism and national reconciliation. Belgium also requested adding in a reference to Iraq,s upcoming elections.

12. (SBU) Turning to next steps, Council members agreed with the basic timeline, barring any last-minute problems: the draft resolution would go into blue on Tuesday, December 16, with adoption on Wednesday, December 17. Council members also agreed that the meeting on December 17 would be strictly an adoption, without the need for a briefing or consultations. Khalilzad